

# TOLT COMMONS VISIONING AND DOWNTOWN AREA PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING #1: 1.8.22

## 1.8.22 AGENDA

#### 10:00 TO 10:10- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

• PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION TO CHAT

#### 10:10 TO 10:20 - GROUND RULES

#### 10:20 TO 10:30 - PURPOSE, WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY

RESO SAYS

#### 10:30 TO 11:00 – CONCERNS, FEARS, EMOTIONS

- SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
- Take 20 and report back.

#### 11:00- 11:45 - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- DELIVERABLES. ANYTHING ELSE?
- OFFICERS AND RULES. ANY CHANGES?

#### 11:45 – NEXT STEPS

- FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
- LENGTH
- FACILITATOR
- NEXT MEETING: SELECTION OF OFFICERS

### **GROUND RULES**

Virtual meeting: use the hand and unmute to signal you want to speak.

Wait until you are called. Start with your name.

Be respectful to all including time.

This is a space for dialogue not litigation.

Be objective and participate with an open mind.

Be passionate about getting the best possible result for the community.

Be future focused.

Be open to fresh ideas and eager to think "outside of the box"

I statements.

Be hard on the topic and gentle on people. Educate yourself.

Be constructive and affirmative. We deal with social media in this manner ????

Allow the facilitator to facilitate.

Accept information is provided in good faith until proven otherwise.

Decision making will be done by Consensus or Majority??? We are inclusive and welcome diverse thinking and perspective.

# 10:20 a.m. OUR PURPOSE: RESOLUTION 451

- Section C
- Overall scope: The Committee will work with city staff and consultant to guide the vision for a subarea plan to develop Tolt Commons as a public plaza including consideration of site configuration options for placement of a new city hall/community center and studying the availability of public and private parking spaces in the downtown area.
- The Committee will evaluate whether there will be sufficient parking to serve this area in the long term and provide recommendations to address any deficiencies. The city engineer's office will conduct a baseline analysis of available parking before and after the Tolt Ave CBD Improvements Project is complete.



## CONCERNS, FEARS, EMOTIONS

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION #1
TAKE 20

## Discussion re: Focus of Committee Work

#### PARKING RELATED FEEDBACK

- Need to define "Parking" meaning differs.
- Parking is a concern.
- Caution: parking placement opportunity cost of creating parking at expense of other uses.
- Need to better define parking: quantity, type, locations, fee, event, residential, wayfinding, loading zone
- Show map of parking + wayfinding
- Get creative on parking spaces: can we add more by changing configurations
- Consider parking when developing town.

#### COMMUNITY SPACE + URBAN ENVIRONMENT

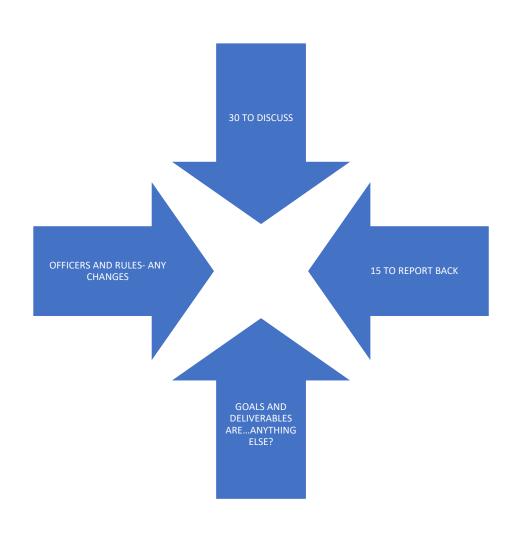
- Focus on pedestrian centric space. Promotion of walkability.
- Think ADA and mobility challenges.
- Future uses of Commons and trade off between structures and open space.
- Pedestrian safety. Safety in general.
- Traffic calming considerations.
- Protect the character of the festival street.
- Protect natural assets like the sun.
- Move away from car centric thinking.
- Think about population: children, seniors, differently abled individuals.
- Preservation of open space and connector space
- Connect the ends of bird; create fluidity from end to end.
- Balance in uses is imperative

## Notescontinuation

#### **COMMITTEE HOUSEKEEPING**

- Use key documents including 2013 Action Plan
- Know that given the diverse perspectives and opinions on parking and land use, recommendations will reflect middle ground.

11:00 A.M.
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION #2



## DELIVERABLE- 15 min

- Recommendations to City Council
  - New City Hall/Community Center Site. Analyze options for building a new city hall/community center within or adjacent to Tolt Commons. A preliminary recommendation regarding civic building siting shall be submitted to the City Council no later than March 2022.
  - Downtown Area Parking Demand. Study the availability and utilization of public and private parking spaces in the CBD and surrounding area from Rutherford to Eugene Street and Stephens to Stossel Avenue, whether there will be sufficient parking to serve this area in the long term and provide recommendations to the City Council to address any current and/or future deficiencies. The city engineer's office will conduct a baseline analysis of available parking before and after the Tolt Ave CBD Improvements Project is complete.
  - Tolt Commons and Bird Street. Revise the plaza and festival street concept based on previously established vision to guide the development of a subarea plan for Tolt Commons and the Bird Street corridor designed as the community's central gathering place, offering a variety of spaces to flexibly accommodate multiple purposes such as community gathering events, comfortable resting places, bicycle and pedestrian uses, parking and bus stop access.

## Deliverables

- 1. Options for other space should be considered.
- 2. Community input regarding community space: concerns with elevator, utilities, historical data, character...
  - Build for the future- too small
  - Scaled down is best
- 3. What decision have been made; factors for decision making.
  - Why not use current site for example?
  - Other sites: Jesse's corner
- 4. Taking away open space./PROS consistency
- 5. Use of community space/competition

## OFFICERS- 15 min

- Select Chair and Vice Chair
- City Manager shall staff
- A Councilmember shall serve as liaison.
- Members are encouraged to maintain a good attendance record.
  - What does that mean?
- Members of Committee may be removed by the City Council for any reason.
  - What are the criteria for removal:
- Should we create a steering committee to guide the facilitator?
  - Jules + Jessica + Colienne + Salwa

## 11:45 A.M. NEXT STEPS: BIG GROUP DISCUSSION

- Meeting frequency: every other week
- Length of meeting: 2 hours
- Meeting facilitation: TBD
- Agenda for next meeting
  - Ground rules + Attendance expectations + Deal Brakers
  - Selection of officers- Please nominate yourself, do not be shy.
  - Executive Committee- selection and purpose.
  - Power of officers? Section D.

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